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Alberta Legislative Assembly
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

December 29, 2004

The Honourable Ken Kowalski
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
325 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is an honour to submit to the Legislative Assembly through you, Mr. Speaker, the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the administration of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the calendar year 2003.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-2.

Should you require clarification or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

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Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

Administration of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* provides both a significant responsibility and a welcome opportunity. Our Office works with registered political parties, constituency associations, and candidates to assist them in fulfilling their statutory requirements in a manner that ensures transparency in reporting and public disclosure.

Administration of the legislation also provides an opportunity to assist these groups and individuals in meeting their legislative requirements. This involves supporting both the volunteers and paid political staff who give so generously of their time, talent and energy to the political process in Alberta.

While the importance of the regulatory role of this Office cannot be understated, the advisory role is viewed as equally important. The opportunity to work closely with political stakeholders, and to respond to inquiries concerning the legislation and our processes, creates the environment necessary for legislative compliance. It is my pleasure to recognize the cooperation received from these political stakeholders during the course of the year.

Should anyone require additional information on the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*, or on the contents of this Report, I would encourage them to contact this Office.

O. Brian Fjeldheim
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Section One

The Calendar Year 2003

Overview

The following are some of the major activities and events that occurred during the calendar year 2003:

- Annual financial statements for the calendar year 2002 were received and examined from eleven registered parties;
- Annual financial statements for the calendar year 2002 were received and examined from two hundred and seventy constituency associations;
- Three hundred and eighty-seven registered constituency associations were included in the Register of Constituency Associations as of December 31, 2003.

Registration Data

Political Parties

As at December 31, 2003, there were twelve political parties included in the Register of Political Parties, pursuant to Section 7(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Name (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	President	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta Alliance Party (AAP)	October 25, 2002	Dan Borden	Barry Zwueste
Alberta First Party (AFP)	November 2,1999	Vacant	John Reil (Acting)
Alberta Greens (AG)	April 6, 1990	David Crowe	Mark MacGillivray (Acting)
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	February 3, 1978	Jim D'Andrea	Chuck Dechene
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	January 3, 1978	Reg C. Basken	Laura Nichols
Alberta Party Political Association (APPA)	October 30, 1990	Richard Kayler	Bill Forbes
Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	January 6, 1978	R. Chick Hurst	Norma Hurst
Communist Party - Alberta (CP-A)	January 31, 1979	Naomi Rankin	Blyth Nuttal
Natural Law Party of Alberta (NLP)	May 27, 1993	Maury Shapka	Ric Johnsen
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	January 3, 1978	Chris Warren	Ron Renaud
Reform Party of Alberta (REF)	August 24, 1989	Lorne Samson	David Koop
The Equity Party (TEP)	March 2, 1995	Emil van der Poorten	Bruce Hinkley

Reserved Political Party Names

This Office maintains a file of three reserved political party names as of December 31, 2003 under the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The current status of activity by these groups is unknown; however, they have been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is the completion of a petition under Section 6(2)(d) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The petition must contain a minimum of 5,769 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the 2001 General Election.

Constituency Associations - Registration

During the 2003 calendar year, one hundred and three applications for registration were received and approved.

Alberta Alliance Party
All 83 Constituency Associations where registered in 2003. 82 Constituency Associations where registered on February 21, 2003 and the Wetaskiwin-Camrose Constituency Association was registered on December 22, 2003.

Alberta Party Political Association
Drumheller-Chinook

Alberta Social Credit Party

Calgary-Currie	Calgary-East	Calgary-Elbow
Calgary-North Hill	Edmonton-Ellerslie	Edmonton-Highlands
Edmonton-Mill Creek	Edmonton-Riverview	Airdrie-Rocky View
Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	Drayton Valley-Calmar	Fort McMurray
Highwood	Lacombe-Stettler	Medicine Hat
Peace River	Ponoka-Rimbey	Sherwood Park
Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert		

Constituency Associations - Deregistration

As a result of not filing their 2002 Annual Financial Statements by the March 31, 2003 deadline, the following constituency associations were deregistered:

Alberta Liberal Party

Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Wainwright

Alberta Party Political Association
Wainwright

Alberta Social Credit Party

The Grande Prairie-Wapiti and Peace River Constituency Associations requested to be, and were deregistered in good standing. The Grande Prairie-Wapiti Constituency Association was subsequently reregistered October 17, 2003 with a new executive.

Alberta First Party
The Redwater Constituency Association was deregistered on April 4, 2003 as a result of the Alberta First Party failing to file their Annual Financial Statement before the due date of March 31, 2003. The Redwater Constituency Association requested and was granted re-registration on August 12, 2003. On December 1, 2003 they requested to be, and were deregistered in good standing.

Constituency Associations - Reregistration

There were eighteen requests for reregistration from deregistered constituency associations as of December 31, 2003:

Alberta Liberal Party

Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Wainwright

Alberta Social Credit Party

Calgary-Foothills	Calgary-Nose Creek	Edmonton-Calder
Edmonton-Strathcona	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	Cypress-Medicine Hat
Drumheller-Chinook	Dunvegan	Grande Prairie-Wapiti
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Lethbridge-East	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills
Redwater	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	

Alberta First Party
Redwater

Summary of Constituency Association Registrations at December 31, 2003

At December 31, 2003, the number of registered constituency associations of the registered parties was as follows:

	AAP	LIB	NDP	APPA	SC	PC	TOTAL
Total Registered Constituency Associations	83	83	83	2	53	83	387

The Alberta First Party, The Alberta Greens, Communist Party - Alberta, Natural Law Party of Alberta, Reform Party of Alberta, and The Equity Party of Alberta had no registered constituency associations at December 31, 2003.

A chart showing the status of registered constituency associations of each registered political party, by electoral division as of December 31, 2003, is presented on pages 15 and 16.

Candidates Who Filed Late

Individuals Prohibited From Being Nominated

There are a number of individuals who were candidates at either a General Election or By-election who filed the required Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statement after the due date and who did not apply for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench. The Chief Electoral Officer presented reports on the matter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Section 44(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. The individuals named are prohibited from being nominated as candidates in an election for varying specified periods. The information of these circumstances is available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Financial Statements

All political parties and constituency associations registered prior to September 1, 2003 were required to file annual financial statements for 2003 with this Office, on or before March 31, 2004, in accordance with Section 42(1) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Political Parties - 2003 Annual Financial Statements

Twelve political parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 2003. All of the twelve parties were required to submit an audited 2003 Annual Financial Statement. The 2003 Political Party Annual Financial Statements were received by March 31, 2004, from eleven of the twelve registered parties required to file, which follow:

Alberta Alliance Party
Alberta Greens
Alberta Liberal Party
Alberta New Democratic Party
Alberta Party Political Association
Alberta Social Credit Party
Communist Party - Alberta
Natural Law Party of Alberta
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Reform Party of Alberta
The Equity Party

The Alberta First Party was deregistered for failing to file an audited 2003 Political Party Annual Financial Statement on or before March 31, 2004.

This Report does not include comparisons of the financial support given to each political entity over the twenty-seven years in which Political Party Annual Financial Statements have been required; this information is available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of the 2003 data appears on page 17. A simplified presentation of the number, category and contributions received in the 2003 calendar year follows:

Alberta Alliance Party

The Alberta Alliance Party is reporting for a 15-month period as they were registered on October 25, 2002. Financial information provided by the Alliance Party is still under review. Information will be provided in the Twenty-Eighth Annual Report.

Alberta First Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
3 contributions from individuals	$ 310	$ 103.33
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
2 contributions from individuals	$ 5,723	$ 2,861.50
Total	$ 6,033	

Alberta Greens

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
30 contributions from individuals	$ 3,960	$ 132.00
4 contributions from corporations	$ 630	$ 157.50
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
7 contributions from individuals	$ 6,300	$ 900.00
Total	$ 10,890	

Alberta Liberal Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
1309	contributions from individuals	$ 121,834	$ 93.07
74	contributions from corporations	$ 10,856	$ 146.70
3	contributions from trade unions	$ 200	$ 66.67
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
343	contributions from individuals	$ 106,759	$ 311.25
80	contributions from corporations	$ 106,885	$ 1,336.06
4	contributions from trade unions	$ 2,175	$ 543.75
	Total	$ 348,709	

Alberta New Democratic Party

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
2510	contributions from individuals	$ 282,575	$ 112.58
23	contributions from corporations	$ 3,023	$ 131.43
13	contributions from trade unions	$ 1,955	$ 150.38
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
81	contributions from individuals	$ 123,803	$ 1,528.43
4	contributions from corporations	$ 2,200	$ 550.00
7	contributions from trade unions	$ 4,390	$ 627.14
	Total	$ 417,946	

Alberta Party Political Association

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
38	contributions from individuals	$ 1,840	$ 48.42
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
6	contributions from individuals	$ 6,515	$ 1,085.83
	Total	$ 8,355	

Alberta Social Credit Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
77 contributions from individuals	$ 3,334	$ 43.31
21 contributions from corporations	$ 1,403	$ 66.80
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
24 contributions from individuals	$ 30,610	$ 1,275.42
5 contributions from corporations	$ 3,405	$ 681.00
Total	$ 38,752	

Communist Party - Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
2 contributions from individuals	$ 100	$ 50.00
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
1 contribution from an individual	$ 450	$ 450.00
Total	$ 550	

Natural Law Party of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
1 contribution from an individual	$ 339	$ 339.00
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
12 contributions from individuals	$ 11,170	$ 930.83
Total	$ 11,509	

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
2,657 contributions from individuals	$ 322,766	$ 121.48
387 contributions from corporations	$ 95,233	$ 246.08
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
829 contributions from individuals	$ 569,735	$ 687.26
847 contributions from corporations	$ 1,444,854	$ 1,705.85
Total	$ 2,432,588	

Reform Party of Alberta

The Party's statement reported no contributions were received during the period ending December 31, 2003.

The Equity Party

The Party's statement reported no contributions were received during the period ending December 31, 2003.

Average Contributions to Parties

		Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:			
6627	contributions from individuals	$ 737,058	$ 111.22
509	contributions from corporations	$ 111,145	$ 218.36
16	contributions from trade unions	$ 2,155	$ 134.69
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:			
1305	contributions from individuals	$ 861,065	$ 659.82
936	contributions from corporations	$ 1,557,344	$ 1,663.83
11	contributions from trade unions	$ 6,565	$ 596.82

Constituency Associations - 2003 Annual Financial Statements

All three hundred and eighty-seven constituency associations registered on December 31, 2003 were required to file annual financial statements on or prior to March 31, 2004, for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

Financial statements were received from three hundred and seventy-nine constituency associations by the due date. Eight constituency associations of the Alberta Social Credit Party, failed to file the required financial statements by the due date.

Of the eight deregistered Alberta Social Credit constituency associations, the following four filed their annual financial statement for the year 2003 after the March 31, 2004 deadline: Calgary-North Hill, Edmonton-Ellerslie, Red Deer North and Rocky Mountain House. Along with the financial statements, Edmonton-Ellerslie and Rocky Mountain House requested to be reregistered and subsequently were.

Administrative and financial procedures differ significantly between parties, and each party is required to advise this Office of its routine relating to certain procedures. The following information reflects these procedures as it affects the constituency associations' authority to accept contributions and to issue official receipts for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

Alberta Alliance Party

One of the eighty-three registered constituency associations was authorized to accept contributions in 2003. The Calgary-Egmont Constituency Association reported the receipt of a contribution.

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
1 contribution from an individual	$ 100	$ 100.00

Alberta First Party

The Alberta First Party had one constituency association registered during the 2003 calendar year. No contributions were reported during the year.

Alberta Greens

The Alberta Greens had no constituency associations registered in the 2003 calendar year.

Alberta Liberal Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta New Democratic Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta Party Political Association

Both registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions and reported the receipt of contributions.

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
7 contributions from individuals	$ 998	$ 142.51
1 contribution from a corporation	$ 20	$ 20.00
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
8 contributions from individuals	$ 3,273	$ 409.14
Total	$ 4,291	

Alberta Social Credit Party

All registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions in the 2003 calendar year; three reported the receipt of contributions.

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
5 contributions from individuals	$ 652	$ 130.50
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
1 contribution from an individual	$ 750	$ 750.00
Total	$ 1,402	

Communist Party - Alberta

The Communist Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2003 calendar year.

Natural Law Party of Alberta

The Natural Law Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2003 calendar year.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

All of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; 74 reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
3203 contributions from individuals	$ 326,780	$ 102.02
1101 contributions from corporations	$ 158,477	$ 143.94
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
488 contributions from individuals	$ 265,331	$ 543.71
462 contributions from corporations	$ 251,899	$ 545.24
Total	$ 1,002,487	

Reform Party of Alberta

The Reform Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2003 calendar year.

The Equity Party

The Equity Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2003 calendar year.

Average Contributions to Constituency Associations

	Total Contributions	Average Contribution
Amounts to $375.00:		
3216 contributions from individuals	$ 328,530	$ 102.15
1102 contributions from corporations	$ 158,497	$ 143.83
Amounts of $375.01 and greater:		
497 contributions from individuals	$ 269,354	$ 541.96
462 contributions from corporations	$ 251,899	$ 545.24

Political Parties, Constituency Associations - 2003 Contribution Totals

Total contributions received by registered parties and constituency associations during 2003 were:

	Party	Constituency Association	Total
Alberta Alliance Party	**	$ 100	$ 100
Alberta First Party	$ 6,033	Nil	$ 6,033
Alberta Greens	$ 10,890	Nil	$ 10,890
Alberta Liberal Party	$ 348,709	Nil	$ 348,709
Alberta New Democratic Party	$ 417,946	Nil	$ 417,946
Alberta Party Political Association	$ 8,355	$ 4,291	$ 12,646
Alberta Social Credit Party	$ 38,752	$ 1,402	$ 40,154
Communist Party - Alberta	$ 550	Nil	$ 550
Natural Law Party of Alberta	$ 11,509	Nil	$ 11,509
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	$ 2,432,588	$ 1,002,487	$ 3,435,075
Reform Party of Alberta	Nil	Nil	Nil
The Equity Party	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	$ 3,275,332	$ 1,008,280	$ 4,283,612

****Financial information provided by the Alberta Alliance Party is still under review. Information will be provided in the Twenty-eighth Annual Report.**

Senatorial Selection Act

Financial Statements

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act permits registered political parties to maintain continuous annual financial activities between Senatorial Selection Campaigns. Registered parties may accept annual contributions, within prescribed limits, and expend funds for Senatorial Selection purposes. Annual financial statements are required to ensure complete public disclosure of all such transactions.

Only the three registered parties that endorsed a candidate at the 1989 Senatorial Selection Election are required to file an Audited Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statement. Financial statements were received by March 31, 2004 from the three registered parties that follow:

Alberta Liberal Party

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

Reform Party of Alberta

Political Parties – 2003 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements

The Reform Party was the only party to report financial transactions during the 2003 calendar year. They did not receive any contributions. Please see page 18 for the details on the remainder of the statement.

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Status of Constituency Associations
of Registered Political Parties
at December 31, 2003

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered)

	Constituency Association	AAP	LIB	NDP	APPA	SC	PC
01	Athabasca-Wabasca	R	R	R	-	R	R
02	Lesser Slave Lake	R	R	R	-	R	R
03	Calgary-Bow	R	R	R	-	-	R
04	Calgary-Buffalo	R	R	R	R	R	R
05	Calgary-Cross	R	R	R	-	-	R
06	Calgary-Currie	R	R	R	-	R	R
07	Calgary-East	R	R	R	-	R	R
08	Calgary-Egmont	R	R	R	-	-	R
09	Calgary-Elbow	R	R	R	-	R	R
10	Calgary-Fish Creek	R	R	R	-	-	R
11	Calgary-Foothills	R	R	R	-	R	R
12	Calgary-Fort	R	R	R	-	-	R
13	Calgary-Glenmore	R	R	R	-	R	R
14	Calgary-Lougheed	R	R	R	-	R	R
15	Calgary-McCall	R	R	R	-	-	R
16	Calgary-Montrose	R	R	R	-	-	R
17	Calgary-Mountain View	R	R	R	-	-	R
18	Calgary-North Hill	R	R	R	-	R	R
19	Calgary-North West	R	R	R	-	R	R
20	Calgary-Nose Creek	R	R	R	-	R	R
21	Calgary-Shaw	R	R	R	-	-	R
22	Calgary-Varsity	R	R	R	-	-	R
23	Calgary-West	R	R	R	-	-	R
24	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	R	R	R	-	R	R
25	Edmonton-Calder	R	R	R	-	R	R
26	Edmonton-Castle Downs	R	R	R	-	-	R
27	Edmonton-Centre	R	R	R	-	-	R
28	Edmonton-Ellerslie	R	R	R	-	R	R
29	Edmonton-Glengarry	R	R	R	-	R	R
30	Edmonton-Glenora	R	R	R	-	-	R
31	Edmonton-Gold Bar	R	R	R	-	-	R
32	Edmonton-Highlands	R	R	R	-	R	R
33	Edmonton-Manning	R	R	R	-	R	R
34	Edmonton-McClung	R	R	R	-	-	R
35	Edmonton-Meadowlark	R	R	R	-	-	R
36	Edmonton-Mill Creek	R	R	R	-	R	R
37	Edmonton-Mill Woods	R	R	R	-	-	R
38	Edmonton-Norwood	R	R	R	-	R	R
39	Edmonton-Riverview	R	R	R	-	R	R
40	Edmonton-Rutherford	R	R	R	-	-	R
41	Edmonton-Strathcona	R	R	R	-	R	R
42	Edmonton-Whitemud	R	R	R	-	-	R
43	Airdrie-Rocky View	R	R	R	-	R	R
44	Banff-Cochrane	R	R	R	-	-	R
45	Barrhead-Westlock	R	R	R	-	R	R
46	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	R	R	R	-	R	R

Section One
Appendix A

Constituency Association		AAP	LIB	NDP	APPA	SC	PC
47	Cardston-Taber-Warner	R	R	R	-	-	R
48	Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan	R	R	R	-	R	R
49	Cypress-Medicine Hat	R	R	R	-	R	R
50	Drayton Valley-Calmar	R	R	R	-	R	R
51	Drumheller-Chinook	R	R	R	R	R	R
52	Dunvegan	R	R	R	-	R	R
53	Fort McMurray	R	R	R	-	R	R
54	Grande Prairie-Smoky	R	R	R	-	R	R
55	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	R	R	R	-	R	R
56	Highwood	R	R	R	-	R	R
57	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	R	R	R	-	R	R
58	Lac La Biche-St. Paul	R	R	R	-	R	R
59	Lacombe-Stettler	R	R	R	-	R	R
60	Leduc	R	R	R	-	R	R
61	Lethbridge-East	R	R	R	-	R	R
62	Lethbridge-West	R	R	R	-	-	R
63	Little Bow	R	R	R	-	-	R
64	Livingstone-Macleod	R	R	R	-	-	R
65	Medicine Hat	R	R	R	-	R	R
66	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	R	R	R	-	R	R
67	Peace River	R	R	R	-	X	R
68	Ponoka-Rimbey	R	R	R	-	R	R
69	Red Deer-North	R	R	R	-	R	R
70	Red Deer-South	R	R	R	-	R	R
71	Redwater	R	R	R	-	R	R
72	Rocky Mountain House	R	R	R	-	R	R
73	St. Albert	R	R	R	-	R	R
74	Sherwood Park	R	R	R	-	R	R
75	Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	R	R	R	-	R	R
76	Stony Plain	R	R	R	-	-	R
77	Strathmore-Brooks	R	R	R	-	R	R
78	Vegreville-Viking	R	R	R	-	-	R
79	Vermilion-Lloydminster	R	R	R	-	-	R
80	Wainwright	R	R	R	X	R	R
81	West Yellowhead	R	R	R	-	-	R
82	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	R	R	R	-	R	R
83	Whitecourt-Ste. Anne	R	R	R	-	R	R

Summary of 2003 Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
AAP	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
AFP	310	5,723	NIL	6,033	NIL	205	205	5,828
AG	4,590	6,300	255	11,145	NIL	15,750	15,750	(4,605)
LIB	132,890	215,819	35,040	383,749	41,868	240,948	299,991	83,758
NDP	287,553	130,393	112,789	530,735	79,896	468,682	563,936	(33,201)
APPA	1,840	6,515	2,620	10,975	NIL	7,765	9,355	1,620
SC	4,737	34,015	9,232	47,984	341	15,187	44,068	3,916
CP-A	100	450	NIL	550	NIL	297	297	253
NLP	339	11,170	NIL	11,509	NIL	6,481	11,181	328
PC	417,999	2,014,589	287,050	2,719,638	NIL	1,897,233	1,933,741	785,897
REF	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TEP	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	72	72	(72)

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2003 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see page 22).

****Financial information provided by the Alberta Alliance Party is still under review. Information will be provided in the Twenty-eighth Annual Report.**

Summary of 2003 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to $375.00	Amounts of $375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
LIB	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
PC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
REF	NIL	NIL	10,801	101,801	NIL	7,415	7,415	3,386

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2003 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see page 22)

Amendments to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act

On May 11, 2004, the following amendments to the Act were given Royal Assent:

Section 1(1)(l)	The definition of "prohibited corporation" was expanded by specifying public bodies that are defined as prohibited corporations.
Section 4(1)(d)	Amended to allow the Chief Electoral Officer to publish candidate campaign expenses on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer within 30 days of approval of the statement.
Section 7	Amended to allow the Chief Electoral Officer the ability to refuse to register a political party if the registration information is submitted less than 60 days prior to the start of a campaign period.
Section 7	Amended to allow the Chief Electoral Officer to refuse the registration of a political party if the proposed name resembles the name of a registered political party whose registration was cancelled or whose name was changed since the last general election.
Sections 7(5), 8(5) and 9(5)	Amended to allow changes to registration information by registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to be filed by fax or electronic mail.
Section 10	Amended to ensure all registered political parties run a candidate in either the general election or endorse a candidate in the most recent election under the Senatorial Selection Act in order to maintain registered party status.
Section 12(3)	Amended to specify to whom a registered candidate may transfer trust funds.
Section 17(1)	Amended to increase the limits on contributions to: • $1,000 to any registered constituency association, and $5,000 in the aggregate to the registered constituency associations of each registered party; and • $2,000 to any registered candidate, and $10,000 in the aggregate to the registered candidates of each registered party.
Sections 23(4) and (5)	Amended to ensure funds raised during a fund raising function in excess of market value for goods or services received is considered to be a contribution.
Section 25	Amended to increase the annual membership fee to $50.
Section 27	Amended to ensure contributions from unincorporated groups specify the individual sources and amounts to the registered party, constituency association or candidate for the completion of the official receipt.

Section 29	Amended to specify that a candidate may not be appointed as a chief financial officer.
Sections 36 and 37	Amended to include "electoral district association" as a federal entity under the Canada Elections Act.
Section 52	Amended to specify that prosecution under the Act may be commenced within two-years of the commission of the alleged offence but not afterwards.

Section Two

General Information

Income Tax Credit Allowance - 2002

The Office of Budget and Management, Tax Policy of Alberta Finance provided information obtained from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency concerning the 2002 income tax credits for political contributions allowed to individual and corporate taxpayers who paid Alberta income tax.

Although the following information is one year after the fact, it may be of general interest:

2002 contributions, by individuals, to parties	$ 1,518,254
2002 contributions, by corporations, to parties	$ 1,562,489
2002 contributions, by trade unions, to parties	$ 6,266
2002 contributions, by individuals, to constituency associations	$ 405,779
2002 contributions, by corporations, to constituency associations	$ 291,899
2002 contributions, by trade unions, to constituency associations	NIL
2002 income tax credit allowed to individuals	$ 1,528,000
2002 income tax credit allowed to corporations	$ 204,067

These factors should be considered when reviewing this information:

a. taxpayers do not receive income tax credits unless they submit an Official Receipt for the contribution;

b. if there is no Alberta income tax payable, no income tax credit is allowed; and

c. the amount of income tax credit allowed is based on a declining percentage calculation of the total contribution; the maximum tax credit of $750.00 is reached with a contribution of $1,725.00.

Note: In consideration of the foregoing factors, a direct percentage comparison of the income tax credit allowed to the total amount contributed may not necessarily be valid.

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

At the date of this Report, the Chief Electoral Officer is not holding any funds in trust for any party, constituency association, or candidate whose registration has been cancelled or for any other reason.

Public Files

The Public Files contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta. The Public Files now contain data for twenty-seven consecutive calendar years including the seven General Elections held since 1979, the sixteen By-elections held since January 1, 1978 and the Senate Nominee Elections held in 1989 and 1998. Interest in examining these records usually peaks when the candidates, constituency associations and parties file the required campaign period or annual financial statements.

All financial statements are contained in the Public Files maintained by this Office and are available for examination from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Photocopies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of Section 11(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act. Copies of all reports published by the Chief Electoral Officer are available to the public at no cost and are also available on the Elections Alberta website.

Events of Interest Since March 31, 2004

The following events have taken place between the end of the filing year, March 31, 2004 and the date this report was published; each of these subjects will be addressed in detail in the Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

- The Alberta First Party requested and was approved for a name change to the Separation Party of Alberta on May 1, 2004.

- The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer participated in Candidate Forums for six Political Parties.

- The Final Report of the proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries and Names for Alberta was published in February 2003. These new Electoral Boundaries came into effect on October 25, 2004 resulting in the deregistration of all 389 registered Constituency Associations.

- The 2004 Alberta General Election and Senate Nominee Election were held on November 22, 2004. There were a record 450 Member of the Legislature candidates and 10 Senate Nominee Candidates. The report on the General and Senate Nominee Elections will be published in 2005.